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Re: **Public Input Request**
ID 5410-00-04/74
USH 51 Madison - Deforest
USH 151 to Pierstorff Street (Northbound)
Dane County
Pavement Replacement (PVRPLA)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is considering a project located on USH 51 between USH 151 (East Washington Avenue) and Pierstorff Street in Dane County. The proposed project is only for the northbound lanes of USH 51 and would consist of pavement and curb and gutter replacement, minor traffic signal modifications and upgrades to existing sidewalk ramp facilities to meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the public of the design team's recommended improvements, answer questions, and gather comments or concerns about the project.

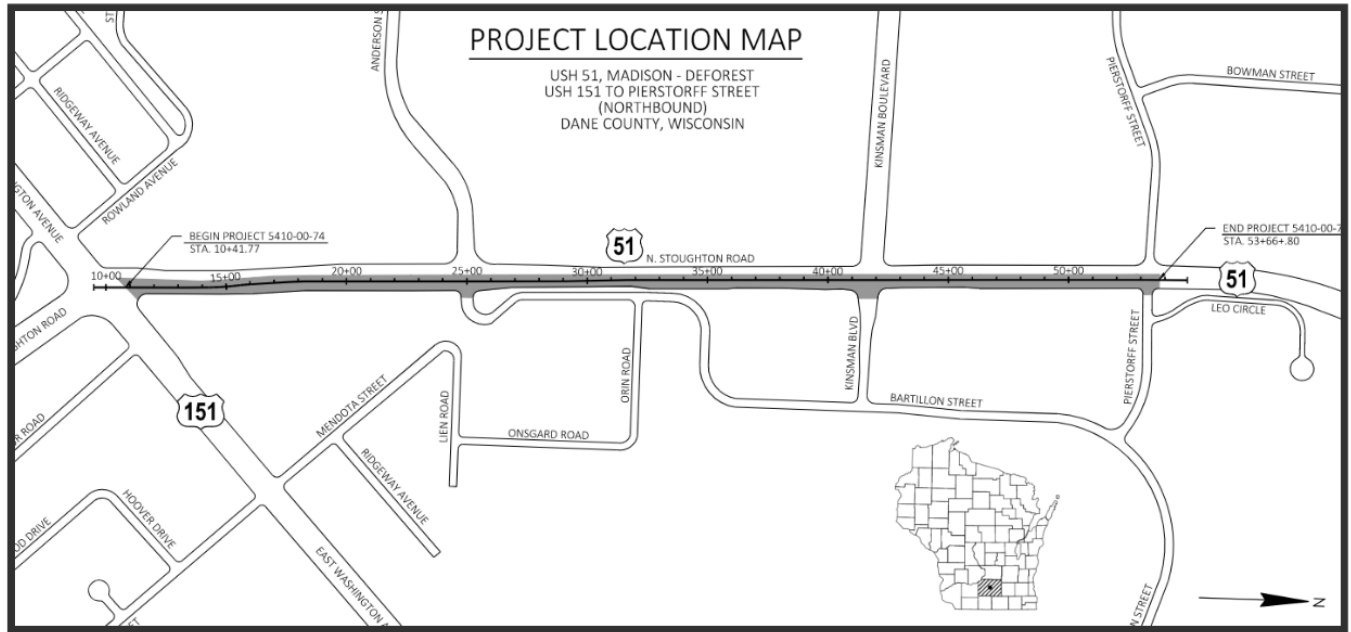
Project information

The existing roadway surface is showing significant cracking and has reached the end of its service life. High daily vehicular volume and heavy truck use is contributing to the poor roadway condition. In addition, several sidewalk ramps no longer meet the most current ADA guidance.

This project proposes to upgrade the northbound roadway beginning approximately 300-feet north of USH 151 by removing the concrete pavement and curb and gutter, updating the underlying aggregate base as necessary, and replacing pavement at generally the same location and elevation as existing. This type of pavement replacement project will provide an improvement to extend the life of the roadway in a cost-effective manner. The project is also proposing spot concrete pavement replacements near the intersection of USH 51 and USH 151.

The new roadway pavement would improve ride quality for all road users and extend the life of the pavement structure. In addition, existing sidewalk ramps were reviewed for ADA compliance and several ramps along the corridor that do not meet current compliance will be replaced as part of the project.

The map below identifies the general location of improvements.



Traffic impacts during construction

Construction is currently scheduled to begin summer 2023. WisDOT is evaluating options for accommodating traffic during construction. It is the intention of the project for USH 51 to remain open to traffic and maintain at least one northbound and one southbound lane during construction.

The contractor will be required to stage intersections to maintain mobility to the greatest extent practicable. Public and emergency access to businesses will also be required at all times to the greatest extent practicable. There may be temporary access closures during paving operations; however, if a business has more than one access, closures will be staged as appropriate to maintain access.

Real Estate

Minor right-of-way acquisition and temporary grading easements are anticipated with this project to bring sidewalk ramps into ADA compliance.

Project Schedule

Preliminary plans	October 2019
Approved environmental document	June 2020
Final plans	August 2022
Construction	Summer 2023

Project Website

Additional project information, along with a concept plan, can be found on WisDOT's website at the following location:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-northbound/default.aspx>

Public input/comments

The project team encourages you ask the project team questions and let them know your concerns. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the

traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

You can mail or email comments, questions, and concerns to the project team at the following address or email address:

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Sincerely,

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